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DEFENSE FOR ISA AND DSAA

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: UK MASS
SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS OF PROPOSED UK
BUY OF SUB-HARPOON

REF: (A) STATE 153381, (B) STATE 155035,
(C) LONDON 10002

FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL A' WE INFORMED HMG OF
REPORT TO CONGRESS. QUOTED HEREWITH IS TEXT IN FULL OF
SIR CLIFFORD CORNFORD;S 28 JULY LETTER TO POL-MIL
ATTACHE ON SUBJECT:

QUOTE: THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 1ST JULY.
AS I UNDERSTAND THE POSITION, THE PURPOSE OF THE
NOTIFICATION IS TO INFORM CONGRESS OF THE ADMINISTRA-
TION'S READINESS TO SELL SUB-HARPOON TO THE UK SHOULD
OUR MINISTERS DECIDE LATER IN THE YEAR TO PROCEED WITH
THE PROJECT. IT WILL ALSO CLEAR THE WAY FOR DOD TO
ISSUE TO US THE LETTER OF OFFER FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND
INITIAL PRODUCTION PHASES OF THE PROJECT WHICH WE NEED
TO RECEIVE IN AUGUST IF WE ARE TO SIGN IT IN SEPTEMBER
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AND SO MAINTAIN PROJECT TIMESCALES. ON THIS BASIS, AND
NOTING THAT THE ADVANCE NOTIFICATION WILL BE CLASSIFIED,
WE ARE CONTENT THAT THIS STEP SHOULD PROCEED. IT WOULD
BE HELPFUL IF IN DUE COURSE YOU COULD LET ME HAVE A
COPY OF WHATEVER IS SENT TO CONGRESS AND ADVICE ON WHEN
THE 20 DAY PERIOD EXPIRES.

I NOTE THAT THE SUBSEQUENT FORMAL CERTIFICATION WILL

BE UNCLASSIFIED. AS DOD HAVE AGREED THAT THE COSTS OF
SUB-HARPOON AND THE NUMBERS OF MISSILES WE ARE PROPOSING
TO PURCHASE ARE CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL, I WOULD BE GLAD
OF YOUR CONFIRMATION THAT THESE WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM
THE FORMAL CERTIFICATION WHICH GOES TO CONGRESS.
I AM ASSUMING THAT THE CERTIFICATION BOTH IN ITS
INFORMAL ADVANCE FORM AND ITS FORMAL TEXT COMPRISES A
RELATIVELY BRIEF STATEMENT OF INTENT AND IN NO WAY
AMOUNTS TO PROVIDING CONGRESS WITH A DIGEST OF THE
PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. END QUOTE.

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